

SUICIDE ENDS
CHASE AFTER
GIRL SLAYERReginald Barr, Following 3
Other Attempts, Throws
Self Before Train.

NOT MURDERER, SAYS

Leaves a Note Claiming Sweet-
heart's Neck Is Broken Dur-
ing Kissing Struggle.

Downer's Grove, Ill., May 26.—Mad with remorse for killing Florence Bentley, his sweetheart, in the woods near here Saturday night, Reginald A. Barr, aged 24, a railroad clerk, employed in Chicago, committed suicide at Lisle, three miles from here, today by jumping under a moving train. Previously he had twice tried poison and once jumped in a quarry pit.

The girl, a clock model, was also employed in Chicago. She was about Barr's age. They had been "pals" for years, but Florence, according to her mother, was growing tired of his company. Saturday night the two went for a walk, according to a note on Barr's body. They went to the leafy woods. She refused to kiss him. He asked if she did not want to be his sweetheart any more. There was a struggle, and the note says the "girl died of heart failure or fright, as I surely could not kill one I thought the most of in the world."

Pupils Join in Search.

Late that night the families of the lovers became alarmed and a search was begun. Professor Butler, superintendent of schools here, returning from Wheaton in an automobile, saw Barr plunging along the road at night and said: "Hello, Barr." The lone pedestrian immediately pulled his cap lower for reply. Yesterday the schools were dismissed and the search taken up by pupils, but it remained for Carl Selig, driver of a grocer's cart, late in the afternoon, to discover the body of the girl. She lay on the ground with her hands folded on her breast. Barr was still missing.

Barr was discovered at Lisle this morning by a farmer, who thought he was waiting to steal a ride on a train. "He sat with his head between his hands," related the farmer, "but when the train came he jumped right under it."

A post-mortem of the girl's body did not disclose the cause of death, but established that there had been nothing sordid in her relations with Barr. There will be a double inquest tomorrow.

Sits by Body.

Lisle, Ill., May 26.—Reginald Barr, leaving behind him a note declaring his slaying of his sweetheart, Florence Bentley, at Downer's Grove, near here Saturday night, was accidental, jumped beneath a moving train here early today and was killed.

It was his fourth attempt at suicide. In a note found on his person, he declared he took a drug twice in an effort to die beside the body of his sweetheart. Both times failed. He next jumped into a quarry pit, lit in stagnant water and "I couldn't sink," read the note. The clothing on the body was still wet when it was taken from the tracks.

In his note he said Miss Bentley was killed when he tried to kiss her. She screamed when he made the attempt and he placed his hand over her mouth. In the ensuing struggle they tripped and fell. He believed her neck was broken; anyway she was dead.

In agony, remorse and fear he sat beside her for sometime, seeking to find whether a spark of life remained. He finally gave up hope, went to Aurora and purchased poison. He returned and prostrating himself beside the girl's body swallowed it. After a while he woke up and the girl still lay quiet beside him. He again made a trip to Aurora, says the note, and again returned with poison to die beside the girl he had slain. This attempt also failed, and the jump into the quarry at Naperville followed.

Hides in Woods Two Days.

For two days Barr had hidden in Downer's Grove woods. Last night two boys who were among those searching for him, that he attempted to put his arm around Miss Bentley, she pushed him away and in a trifling struggle her neck was broken. The boys tried to detain Barr, but he fled. Physicians who examined the body say her neck was not broken.

Barr's note was addressed to his folks. He asked God's forgiveness and for them to forgive him causing his sweetheart's death. Barr and Miss Bentley had been sweethearts since childhood.

Ottumwa, Iowa.—Wade McCloskey of Delta was drowned while bathing in the South Skunk river.

THE WEATHER

Forecast Till 7 P. M. Tomorrow, for
Rock Island, Davenport, Moline
and Vicinity.Unsettled but generally fair weather
tonight and Wednesday, continued
warm, light to moderate southerly
winds.Temperature at 7 a. m. 76. Highest
yesterday 89. Lowest last night 74.
Velocity of wind at 7 a. m. 8 miles
per hour.Precipitation none.
Relative humidity at 7 p. m. 56, at
7 a. m. 75.Stage of water 6 feet, a fall of .2 in
last 24 hours.

J. M. SHERIER, Local Forecaster.

ASTRONOMICAL EVENTS.

Evening stars: Mercury, Mars, Ve-
nus, Saturn. Morning star: Jupiter.
Planet Venus in constellation Gemini.
3 degrees south of the moon, bright
stars Castor and Pollux, northeast, and
Procyon, to the southeast; planet at
least distance from sun at 4 p. m.HUNT KIDNAPERS
IN PATMONT CASEDownstate Authorities Unite to
Solve Mystery of Minis-
ter's Abduction.

Danville, Ill., May 26.—Rev. Louis R. Patmont, the "dry" worker who disappeared from Westville on March 31 and was found last Saturday afternoon bound and helpless in the garret of an abandoned farm house near Columbia, Ill., yesterday afternoon went before the grand jury and began his story.

He told of being kidnaped, beaten, and imprisoned by four men. He resumed his story when the grand jury reconvened today.

Patmont declared that his captors were strangers to him, but he believes he could identify two of them. He said he was not able to describe the automobile in which he was taken to the house where was confined nearly two months, and later conveyed him to Monroe county, as it was dark each time.

Members of the party who went to Columbia after him stated upon their return that citizens of that town had observed a big red touring car driven by a big red-faced man on the streets of the town Saturday afternoon. An effort will be made to trace them.

Patmont insists that, after being taken from the cellar where he was first confined, he was bound, and his captors poured a liquid that he took to be ether on the gunnysack that enfolded his head, rendering him unconscious.

"It is the biggest case that has happened here in many years," said State's Attorney John H. Lewman, who accompanied the party of ministers and officers to Monroe and returned with Patmont. "If developments substantiate Mr. Patmont's story, which has every appearance of genuineness, I will prosecute his kidnapers and any others who may be connected with them to the last ditch."

Mr. Lewman refused to divulge any portion of the story so far unfolded to the grand jury. No warrants have been issued yet, he stated. Chicago detectives have been placed on the trail, both here and at the Monroe county end of it.

On his return to Danville Patmont was greeted by a great throng. The hour was announced from every Protestant pulpit yesterday. Many men and women with tears streaming down their faces crowded close about him, shaking his hand, throwing their arms about his neck, and otherwise displaying their joy over his return.

Much diversity of opinion exists among the people of Danville concerning the genuineness of his story, the wets against whom he was working in the local option campaign this spring when kidnaped, openly declaring that his disappearance and story were framed up to influence public opinion, while the dries are equally positive that it is genuine and regard him as one returning from the grave.

Despite many rumors that arrests were about to be made in the Patmont case, State's Attorney Lewman not only denies the report, but states that no evidence of sufficient importance has been heard by the grand jury to justify such action. Patmont's evidence was of little importance so far as connecting anyone with the kidnaping.

LABOR SATISFIED
IN NEW TRUST BILLWashington, D. C., May 26.—Demo-
cratic house leaders have reached a
tentative understanding to satisfy the
demands of labor organizations in con-
nection with the trust bill.

Senator Chamberlain today intro-
duced a bill to levy tolls on freight
and passengers through the Soo canal.

EVANS AND HALE
OUT FRENCH PLAYVersailles, France, May 26.—Francis
Quimet, Jerome Travers and several
others of the 14 Americans reached
the third round today in the French
amateur golf championship. Evans
and Hale, Chicagoans, were eliminated
in the second round.JACOB A. RIIS,
SLUM ENEMY,
DEAD IN EASTNoted Social Worker is
Called to Rest After a
Long Illness.

YEARS AS A REPORTER

Wages War on Tenement Dis-
tricts in New York and
Gains Aid for the Poor.Barre, Mass., May 26.—Jacob A.
Riis, author and social worker, died at
his summer home here today after a
long illness.

Jacob August Riis became, through
his work in behalf of the poorer people
in New York, "the most useful citizen"
of the metropolis, according to a tribu-
te once paid to him by Theodore
Roosevelt, his intimate friend.

As an almost penniless immigrant
he obtained knowledge of the slums at
first hand and found conditions there
so repellant that he consecrated his
whole life to warfare against wretched-
ness.

Riis was the 13th child of a Latin
teacher in Ribe, Jutland, Denmark. He
was born in 1849. Protestating at the
ill-fated career which his father had
cut out for him, young Riis decided to
work with his hands and became a
carpenter's apprentice. The vocation
he had chosen did not prevent him,
however, from falling in love with
Elizabeth Nielson, daughter of one of
the richest men in his native town. But
she refused him, and when Riis was
21 years old, having learned his
trade, he embarked for New York with
only \$40 in his pocket. He spent half
the sum for a heavy naval pistol as
soon as he had landed "to fight Indians
and desperados."

Peddled Irons and Books.

Riis led a varied career during the
following six years. He built miners'
huts in a Pennsylvania construction
camp, mined coal, made bricks, drove
a team and peddled flat irons and
books. At 27 he spent his last cent
in reaching New York, hoping to en-
list through the French consul in the
French army against Germany for the
Franco-Prussian war, but his services
were refused, and Riis was forced to
accept a beginner's place as a reporter
for a New York news bureau. At the
very first he made his most conspicu-
ous success in the study of conditions
on the East Side of New York.

With only \$75 capital and notes for
\$575, he succeeded in buying the
"South Brooklyn News," which was on
the verge of bankruptcy and made
such a success with the property that
he was able to sell it at a considerable
profit a few years later. He returned
to Denmark and married the girl who
had refused him when he was a car-
penter's apprentice. This first wife
died in 1905 and two years later Riis
married Mary Phillip of St. Louis.

As a reporter on the New York
Tribune and later on the New York
Sun, Riis took up his real work in
slum fighting. While attending to his
duties as a police reporter, he worked
day and night to arouse the people
to the need of improving living con-
ditions. One of the first of his cam-
paigns was against the impurity of
the city water, and it was his fight
which finally led to the purchase of
the Croton watershed to assure safe
drinking water for New York.

Clears Mulberry Bend.

He brought sunlight to the tenement
districts by forcing the destruction of
rear tenements. He entirely cleared
Mulberry Bend, one of the worst tenement
sections in the city, and replaced
the squalid homes by shady parks.

Theodore Roosevelt was police com-
missioner of New York when Riis at-
tacked the evils of police station lodg-
ing houses. He won his point and in-
cidentally a strong ally in Mr. Roose-
velt. Riis drove bachelors out of tenement
basements; he fought for laws
abolishing child labor; and was largely
instrumental in getting the passage
of "the briefest, wisest, and best statute
on the books of New York, laying
down the principle that hereafter 'no
school shall be built without an ade-
quate playground.'"

After 27 years as a reporter, Riis re-
signed to continue his fight by writ-
ing and lecturing. Among the prod-
ucts of his pen are "How the Other
Half Lives," "The Children of the
Poor," "The Making of an American,"
(his autobiography), "The Battle with
the Slum," "Children of the Tenements,"
"The Old Town," "Theodore
Roosevelt, the Citizen," and "Hero
Tales from the Far North."

Shoots Woman and Self.

Quincy, Ill., May 26.—Fired by jeal-
ousy, Arthur Sweet, aged 45, last night
shot Mrs. Henry Peeler, a widow, and
then turned the revolver on himself.
Both are expected to die. Sweet was
left considerable money by his father.
Sweet was intoxicated all day, and
fired after saying he was tired of
Mrs. Peeler's disobeying his orders.

ON THE EVE OF GRADUATION

OSKAR IS TO WED
MAID OF MOTHEREmperor Consents to Unavail-
ability of German Prin-
cess for His Son.

Potsdam, Germany, May 26.—The
engagement of Prince Oskar, aged 26,
fifth son of the German emperor, to
Countess Von Bassewitz-Levetzow,
widow of a general, is announced. It
caused lively comment owing to the fact it will be the first
morganatic union in the Hohenzollern
family since 1853.

The emperor's consent is said to
have been granted owing to the lack
of an available German princess and
his aversion to a foreign marriage for
his son.

ONE CREMATED IN
\$1,500,000 BLAZE

Cleveland, Ohio, May 26.—Fire last
night in the lumber yard district along
the Cuyahoga river caused damage of
\$1,500,000. While policemen were
clearing the damaged central viaduct
an unknown man became confused,
leaped from the bridge into the center
of the flames 75 feet below and was
incinerated.

TELL ESCAPADES OF RAPP

Witnesses Give Divorce Depositions
for Schumann-Heink.

Chicago, Ill., May 26.—Several depo-
sitions tending to show the conduct of
William Rapp, Jr., who is being sued
for divorce by Mrs. Ernestine Rapp
(Mrs. Schumann-Heink), were filed
yesterday before Judge O'Connor.
They concerned Mr. Rapp's life at his
various residences with Mrs. Kath-
erine E. Dean, named as correspondent.
The addresses given are: 937 Home
street, 381 Central Park, West, and 27
Manhattan avenue, all in New York.

Julia Williams of 1219 Simpson
street, Long Island, a domestic, testi-
fied she did housework for Mrs. Dean
at 937 Home street, and that she moved
with her to the Central Park, West,
address.

"Do you remember when Mr. Rapp
came to live at the Home street ad-
dress he brought some trunks with
him?" she was asked.

"Yes."
Speaking of the Central Park, West,
address Elias Mayer, attorney for Mrs.
Rapp, asked:

"You never saw him (Mr. Rapp)
sleeping there?"

"No. I never saw him, for when I
would be going there the people would
be gone to work."

She said Mr. Rapp stayed at the
Central Park address from March 1,
1913, until June of that year, and that
later Mrs. Dean moved to 27 Manhat-
tan avenue.

Mr. Rapp came to live with them
there, she said.

PREACHER KILLED
IN AUTO ACCIDENTDecatur, Ill., May 26.—Rev. Tilton
McKinney, former pastor of the Church
of the Living, this city, was instantly
killed early today when a borrowed
automobile he was driving struck a
post and overturned.BORAH TALKS IN
FAVOR OF MERGESenator Predicts Republicans
Will Eventually Come Over
Into Moose Camp.

Detroit, Mich., May 26.—A glowing
picture of the future of the republican
party reunited with the progressive
element which left it in 1912 was
painted here today by Senator William
E. Borah of Idaho, speaking at a state-
wide "conference" of republicans.

"The republican party," said the
senator, "is coming back into power.
The proof of it is on every hand. The
trend is unmistakable. I said a year
ago that the amalgamation which
would take place would be an amalga-
mation of the voters, not the assumed
leaders. I said furthermore that that
was the only amalgamation that was
worth while. The men who voted the
third party ticket to the number of
four million for reasons entirely sat-
isfactory to them can neither be ques-
tioned as to their integrity of purpose
or their patriotism. But that it was a
protest and not a manifestation of pur-
pose to permanently leave the party
is now established by facts and fig-
ures which cannot be doubted.

"Now in view of this pronounced
and unmistakable purpose of those
who voted the third party ticket to
ally themselves with the republican
party, in view of the determination to
support its principles and its policies,
what is the task before us? It is un-
questionably to make our party equal
to the tremendous problems which
now concern us. It is to build up in
this country, out of the traditions, the
achievements and prestige of the past,
the duties and obligations of the pres-
ent, and the hopes and aspirations of
the future, an organization efficient,
militant and progressive—worthy of
its old days and equal to the obliga-
tions which now rest upon us. It is
our duty, in other words, in unmis-
takable terms to make it clear that the
republican party is to be as it was in
its best days, a thoroughly progressive
party. We ought not to assume for a
moment or concede for a moment,
because the party bids fair to go
back into power, there is going to be
any compromise with the forces which
brought it near its ruin. There is in
this country a powerful influence for
the bad in politics and it will take pos-
session of any party in the world, if
it can, which is enjoying power. This
kind of an influence does not fight a
party in the open. It holds itself in
readiness to direct the course of any
party which happens to be in power.
With such influences there can be no
compromise if we are to have a party
which is going to meet and solve the
great problems which a new industrial
life and a new social condition have
imposed upon us.

"No man living in this splendid age,
amid these exhilarating environments,
can afford to permit the corroding
poison of pessimism to enter his soul.
But on the other hand, the course of
our age is that cold, cruel, selfish con-
servatism, which, living in its ease and
comfort, enjoying wealth and all it
brings, refuses to see or sympathize
with the conditions of those, who in
the midst of a world of plenty, are
bordering on the line of hunger and
misery; who refuse to see the new
conditions or the new problems which
must be met and dealt with in the
same spirit and with the same courage
and progressiveness that our fathers
met the problems of their age. The
great and almost superhuman task, my
friends, is not the gathering of wealth

COLONEL IN CHAT
WITH PARTY GUNSRepresentatives of Progress-
ives and Republicans Talk
With Him on Train.

New York, May 26.—Colonel Roose-
velt left for Washington at 10 o'clock
this morning. In Washington he will
call on President Wilson and address
the National Geographic society on
his recent expedition in Brazil. The
colonel discussed the political situa-
tion on the train en route to the cap-
ital. He was met at Philadelphia by
Senator Clapp, republican; Senator
Poindexter of the progressive party;
Davis, progressive national committee
chairman, and Hinebaugh of the pro-
gressive congressional committee.

Philadelphia, Pa., May 26.—Roose-
velt probably will open the formal
campaign for the progressive party
June 30 at Pittsburgh, where he has
agreed to speak.

but its fair and equitable distribution.
"What we want in this country is a
party which will do the simple but
profound thing which Lincoln did, that
is, gather up the common sense, the
common honesty, the common patriot-
ism, the common courage and the com-
mon righteousness of the common peo-
ple of this country, and organize it in-
to a militant, progressive, disciplined
force for legal and social justice, and
do it all under the constitution and
laws of this blessed old republic."

Congressman Patrick Kelley was
temporary chairman. In his address
he said: "The republican party has
been out of power a little more than
a year, but long enough, however, to
demonstrate the sooner it is restored
to power the better it will be for do-
mestic affairs; also for our standing
among the nations of the world. The
most favorable thing that can be said
of our present industrial situation is
that the business men of the country,
emulating the example of the president
himself, are pursuing a policy of
'watchful waiting,' as far as domestic
relations are concerned. All the world
realizes the difference between the
colorless diplomacy of Bryan and red
blooded statesmanship of Knox, Root,
Sherman and Blaine." Senator Wil-
liam Alden Smith was selected to pre-
side over the meeting.

LIPTON LAUNCHES
NEW CHALLENGERGosport, England, May 26.—Sham-
rock IV, challenger of America's cup,
was launched today and christened by
the Countess of Shaftesbury. The lit-
tle shipping town was gaily decorated
with American and British flags. The
company consisted chiefly of Thomas
Lipton's personal friends, but a few
yachting experts were present.SEVERAL INCHES
SNOW IN FRANCEParis, France, May 26.—A severe
cold wave spread over southwestern
Europe today. There was several
inches of snow in southeastern France
and heavy rains in other regions.
There is a violent storm in the Medi-
terranean.MEXICO ABLE
TO AGREE IN
LAND BRAWLMediators See Possible
Home Settlement of
Agrarian Problem.

BREEDER OF TROUBLES

Peace Plans a Niagara Falls
Proceeding Without Hitch,
Says Justice Lamar.

Niagara Falls, May 26.—Latest de-
velopments here indicate that the
Mexican and American delegates, as a
result of a conference with the medi-
ators over the agrarian problem, are
converging to a point where they can
meet on some common ground of agree-
ment looking toward the ultimate solu-
tion by Mexico herself of the vexed
land question. The land question is
recognized by all as a fertile breeder
of revolutions or sectional uprising.

The Mexican delegates are about
ready to present a list of suitable per-
sons from which to choose a provin-
cial president, the American govern-
ment and the mediators to indicate
one who would be acceptable. How-
ever, when all seemed going well and
everyone optimistic the wind suddenly
veered. The Mexican delegates con-
cluded to issue no pronouncement on
the land question, saying it would be
indiscreet. Then the American dele-
gates dashed up in automobiles,
hurried to the room of the mediators,
and a prolonged conversation was en-
tered upon. Little doubt is felt by
those participating that the land ques-
tion will be worked out.

After the conference of the medi-
ators and the American delegates, Jus-
tice Lamar said: "We began to dis-
cuss terms and details of a plan for
pacification. On a number of them
we are in substantial agreement. Others
are still under discussion, and as to
them there has been no disagree-
ment."

"We will not let the agrarian ques-
tion disrupt the mediation proceed-
ings," said one of the Mexican dele-
gates at the mediation conference. "I
think there is a way of coming into
common accord on this and other
points so we may complete our work
very shortly."

Again Normal at Monterey.

Washington, D. C., May 26.—Normal
conditions are prevailing again at
Monterey, Consul Hanna reported that
the railroad to Saltillo resumed carry-
ing passengers today.

An agent of General Zapata today, at
the suggestion of Secretary Bryan,
laid before President Wilson and the
state department information intend-
ed to controvert statements that Zap-
ata is merely a bandit, and his follow-
ers a herd of free-booters, and asked
that in any settlement of the Mexican
problem full consideration be given the
Zapatistas. According to the agent of
the Zapata territory it contains 75 per
cent of the entire Mexican population
and his army numbers 21,000.

Silliman at Vera Cruz.

Vera Cruz, Mexico, May 26.—Vice
Consul Silliman arrived today from
Mexico City. He declined to discuss
his experiences during his imprison-
ment at Saltillo until he has made his
official report at Washington.

SHOTS AIMED AT
FEDERAL TROOPSFirst Attack Since Occupation
of Colorado Mine District
by the Regulars.

Trinidad, Col., May 26.—The first
time since federal troops assumed con-
trol of the Colorado strike district they
were fired on last night. The shooting
occurred at the miners' camp at Se-
gundo, near here, where 20 shots were
fired at the troops.

Seek Judge Lindsey's Recall.

Denver, Colo., May 26.—The Law
and Order league of Denver late today
started a petition for the recall of
Judge Ben B. Lindsey because of his
attitude in the strike situation. An
interview he is said to have given in
Chicago, coupled with his representa-
tions to President Wilson, forms the
basis of the proposed recall.

Elected by P. O. Patron.
Pontiac, Ill., May 26.—R. D. Bolen
has been endorsed for postmaster at
Moravia by patrons of the office after
Representative Borchers had refused to
appoint any of the candidates. He
suggested a primary at which the pa-
trons might vote for their favorites.
This plan was adopted and Bolen won
easily. There were three other candi-
dates in the field. Mr. Bolen will suc-
ceed J. R. Morgan, who has held the
office for 16 years.